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SUBJECT: LODGE TALKS IN VATICAN

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YOU MAY INFORM EGYPTIANS THAT AMB. LODGE HAS BEEN PAYING ONE OF HIS REGULAR VISITS TO VATICAN. HE IS DOING SO IN HIS CAPACITY AS SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE PRESIDENT, WHO HAS ASKED THAT THE AMBASSADOR CALL AT VATICAN TWICE ANNUALLY FOR PERIOD OF 2 TO 3 WEEKS EACH TIME. THUS FAR AMBASSADOR HAS NOT SEEN POPE, BUT HAS MET WITH ARCHBISHOP CASAROLI. DISCUSSIONS, AS USUAL, HAVE TOUCHED ON FULL RANGE OF QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL CONCERN, INCLUDING MIDDLE EAST. ON LATTER SUBJECT, AMB. LODGE BRIEFED VATICAN ON SECRETARY'S MOST RECENT TRIP TO AREA AND ON STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS ON SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT.

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